

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		
KENSHI HATA, ET AL.		Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/082,202 )		Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: March 26, 2002		
For:	CONTAMINATION PREVENTING) METHOD DURING CONVEY- ANCE OF RECORDING MEDIUM ) OF IMAGE FORMING APPARA- TUS, AND IMAGE FORMING ) APPARATUS	•
The Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231		

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found at page 3 of the specification.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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